

City of Wood Village March 2020

The Village News

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WOOD VILLAGE: A FEW MINUTES WILL CHANGE THE NEXT 10 YEARS

Starting on March 12, every household will be asked to respond to the 2020 Census. You will receive a mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau with instructions to visit their website and fill the questionnaire out online. Expect to spend about 10 minutes per person in the home.

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THE CENSUS?

During the 2010 Census, Wood Village and Fairview shared a census tract that had the 3rd lowest response-rate in Oregon and the lowest response-rate in Multnomah County. This indicates that we likely have a population undercount, which means for the last 10 years we have lost out on vital funding and resources for our community. We are a smaller City within a large county and in order to fight for our fair share we must have everyone represented. Make sure you count!

YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS PROTECTED

Any information provided to the CENSUS BUREAU IS **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**. The Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 ensures that your information and data are protected from external cybersecurity risks. Your name, address, and telephone number will never be disclosed or published. Federal Law TITLE 13 protects everyone's information. The Census BUREAU **cannot share it and any violation is punishable by 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.**

CENSUS ASSISTANCE & TRANSLATION SERVICES

Starting March 16, there will be a dedicated Census computer in the lobby at both City Halls. Anyone can come in and use these Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm. The libraries in Fairview and Troutdale will be Census Resource Centers with computer access, and staff to answer questions. The Census bureau will provide live translation over the phone in 13 languages including SPANISH, RUSSIAN, and SIMPLE CHINESE. Fairview and Wood Village will have Census Language Book onsite at both City Halls encompassing 59 languages, large print, and braille.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our community has so many amazing volunteers; we hope you consider joining us in our efforts to have our community accurately represented in the 2020 Census. We have partnered with the Fairview and Troutdale Libraries to offer Census Assistance on the weekends. We will have a Census Coordinator organizing these events and we are seeking volunteers to help. Find event information and sign up on our website today!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE CENSUS INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE & EVENTS:

www.woodvillageor.gov/census-2020

CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE, OREGON

2020-21 BUDGET HEARING

Interested in water line replacement, street improvements, special events or changes to Donald L Robertson Park? City staff is currently developing the budget (financial plan) for next fiscal year, July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 for the City of Wood Village and the Urban Renewal Agency.

The City of Wood Village budget is comprised of five funds (General Fund, Municipal Building Fund (relocation of City Hall), Street Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund). A budget is the financial tool used to support the upcoming work plan for all the activities of the city.

If you want to get involved the Budget Committee will be meeting (at City Hall, 23335 NE Halsey St) on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to review the proposed budget for the Urban Renewal Agency followed by the proposed budget for the City. **This is a public meeting and we encourage citizens to attend, learn about the budget, and make suggestions!**



farewell marie!



Marie Kizzar started her career with City of Wood Village in 1997. She has seen our City and community transform over the years with population growth, new development, and overall enhanced services. If you called or stooped by City Hall in the last 22 years, you probably saw or spoke with Marie at some point. She was always eager to jump-in and provide answers and solutions to residents, business representatives, guests, and other staff members. Marie enjoyed assisting the citizens of Wood Village and being part of making Wood Village something special for everyone. During her time here, Marie worked with seven different Public Works Directors and three City Managers. In all those transitions, she was invaluable at ensuring there was a smooth transition and continuity of services for the community. Marie was also an exceptional steward of public resources. She assisted the public works department every year in developing and optimizing the budget and came up with several cost saving solutions as well. In one example, minor

revisions to the annual leaf drop program saved the City thousands of dollars a year. We want to take this moment to thank Marie for her years of dedicated commitment and service to the City of Wood Village and all the citizens that call our one square mile HOME.

May you have a wonderful retirement!



NEW ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Rose is the newest addition to the City of Wood Village management team as the Assistant to the City Manager. Rose moved to Oregon from Indianapolis where she worked for the State of Indiana in management capacities for both the Department of Health and the Department of Child Services. Rose holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies and a Master's Degree in Public Management and Policy Analysis, both from Indiana University.

Rose was born in Chatsworth, California, but moved to Indiana with her family where she attended school. Rose enjoys spending time with her husband, Daniel, their daughter, Olive, and their two Boston Terriers. Rose enjoys cooking, yoga, gardening, traveling, craft beer, museum and art, and all things outdoors. Rose is excited to be a part of the Wood Village team and to start this new chapter of her life as an Oregonian!

WELCOME TO THE UTILITY TEAM

Brian Kidder joined the Public Works Team December 2019 as a Utility Worker I. He is in the final weeks of his Associate Degree in Water Environmental Technology at Clackamas Community College. Prior to going back to school, he worked at West Linn Paper Company for 7 years and 13 years at Les Schwab in the Tire Distribution Center. Brian grew-up in East County playing soccer and baseball at Donald Roberson Park. He enjoys golf, fishing, and archery hunting in his spare time. Brian is excited to open a new chapter in his work career and joining the City of Wood Village Team. If you see Brian out and about clearing storm drains or reading water meters — Say Hi.



Thank you!

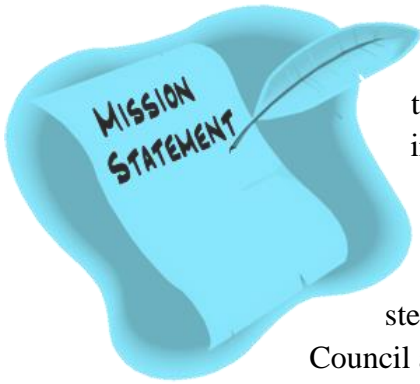


KEEP
LIFE
GOING®

The City's Community Events are a true community effort with many volunteers and financial support. Starting in 2018, the City developed a program in which sponsors could donate one lump sum to cover all events and activities for the year. Community Partner levels range from Bronze, all the way to a Platinum level. We want to thank our newest community Partner AAA of Oregon for their generous contribution to the community. AAA has supported events such as the Tree Lighting and Easter Egg Hunt for years, we couldn't be happier to recognize them as a community partner. Thank you again AAA of Oregon for your ongoing support!

The City Council Retreats

Once a year the City Council along with management staff gathers to review the status of the City including the financial condition and updates to master plans for the water, sewer, street, storm water, and park systems. The purpose of the retreat is to review the City mission and goals and set priorities and projects for the year ahead. This year, the retreat was held on February 1st, and was facilitated once again by Mike Abbate who specializes in group facilitation and goal setting.



The City Council reviewed the current mission statement, values statement, and goals. A minor revision was made to the mission statement to simplify the language, and three City goals were updated as well. Goal 1 was revised to include the word inclusive, and now reads “A safe, clean, inclusive community with a sense of pride and strong identity.” Goal two had a simple word change to reduce redundancy and reads “Exemplary police, fire and building services.” Lastly, Goal 7 was revised to promote more active environmental stewardship and now reads as Responsible Environmental Leadership. The City Council and staff use the mission and goals to provide guidance and direction on matters concerning the City, policies, services and our future direction.

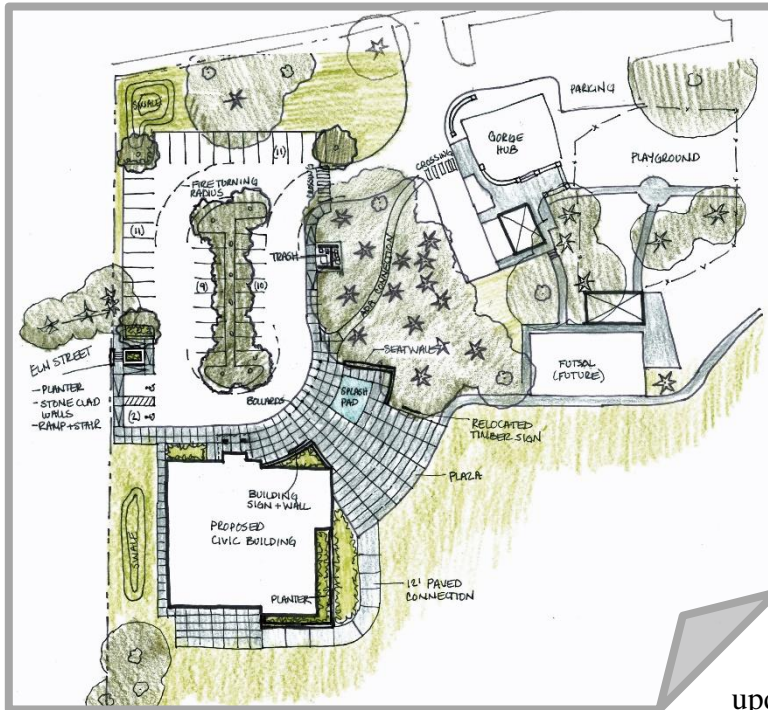
From all the data and discussions, the City Council identified the key actions or projects to be completed in the year ahead that make significant strides toward the community we aspire to become. This detailed listing of activities becomes the basis by which the City Manager and the organization are evaluated for annual performance. The Council focused a lot on ensuring that not only is the new City Hall completed in the year ahead, but that all the little things associated with a new building are completed as well. The Council also ensured that other projects that help and improve our community were included. A partial listing of projects and undertakings for the year ahead include:

- ✔ City Hall: Oversee construction, develop use agreements, ribbon cutting event, and move in.
- ✔ Explore multi-lingual outreach & communication options
- ✔ Improve the edible garden in the park
- ✔ Review the municipal code for relevance & efficiency
- ✔ Prepare a broad assessment of ways to promote high quality development
- ✔ Explore ways of encouraging financial assistance for residents with economic hardships
- ✔ Get the City Council more involved & more visible
- ✔ Take City Council meetings to other places in the community

Again, this is just a partial listing of all the great projects and initiatives planned for the next fiscal year. The Council will be considering the full list of projects later this month with adoption in April. In summary, the City has stable finances, our water, sewer, and street utilities are being maintained at appropriate levels, and the elected leadership of the City continues to focus on ways to help and engage everyone who calls Wood Village home.



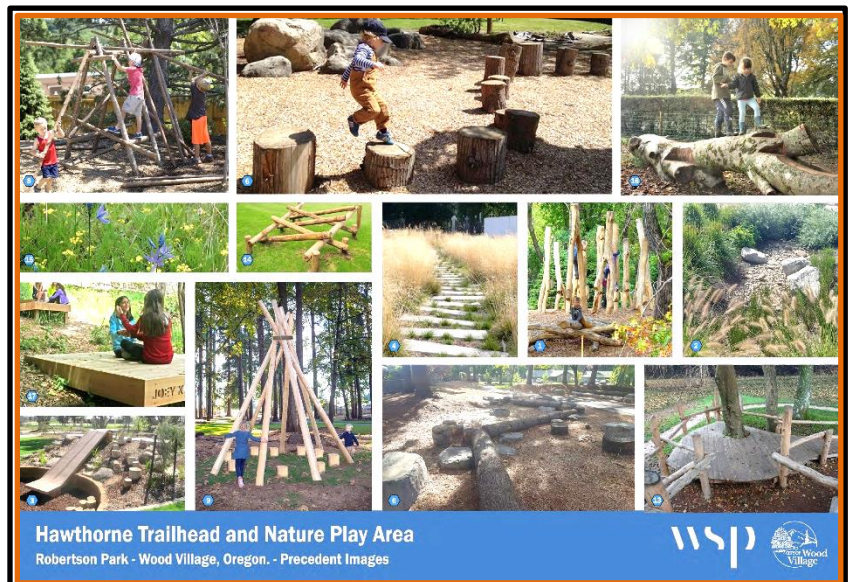
NEW CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION THIS SPRING



Hopefully you're all aware of the new City Hall building that will be built at the Donald Robertson Park starting later this spring. While the heavy construction is still a few months away, there will be a lot of activity occurring on the site over the next couple of months. You may see survey or locating markings, utility preparation work, and several different contractors walking around. This is all in preparation for the pending construction of the City Hall. There shouldn't be disruptions to the park use during this time, and we will give advanced notice before the big job starts. In the meantime, we have posted information about the new building at the park itself, and you can always check for updates on our website.

NATURE PLAY & TRAILHEAD ENHANCEMENT

The creation of a new nature area and playground in an undeveloped section of the Donald Robertson Park along with enhanced access at Hawthorne Ave. were identified in the 2015 and 2018 Parks Master Plan adopted updates. We are happy to announce that the final designs for those improvements have been completed, and were presented to the Parks Commission, City Council, as well as residents and other guests at recent open house meetings. All those who participated were very excited about the new improvements and value it will bring to the park and community. One of the most effective ways to add to a park system is to expand on what already exists. The good news only gets better. Not only is the design finished, but we also have the funding to complete the construction of the project as well. With a \$45,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and a \$79,000 Community Development Block Grant application, we expect to build the project in three phases over the next two years. As with any project, safety is always a priority. To help address public safety concerns, the project will include gated access at the trailhead along with additional signage, and vegetation that does not obstruct visibility. The first phase will hopefully begin this summer at the Hawthorne trailhead, with the other improvements coming in 2021.



PublicAlerts

WHAT IS PUBLIC ALERTS?



Emergency Alerts to Keep You Safe

PublicAlerts sends emergency alerts via text, email, or voice message. It's a free service for anyone who lives, works, or visits the Portland-Vancouver Region. Personal information is kept secure and private.

I already receive Amber Alerts. Why should I sign up for this?

PublicAlerts is different. Amber Alerts are part of the federal Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system. The WEA sends alerts to cell phones in a large geographical area. Topics include a) missing children, b) extreme weather, and c) presidential alerts during a national emergency. Sometimes local emergency managers can't wait for the federal government to send a message out. And sometimes they want to target a smaller area. The PublicAlerts system allows them to quickly send messages to specific neighborhoods.

What kind of alerts might I receive?

Alerts can cover a range of topics, including: hazardous material spills, boil water notices, power outages, large fires or flooding, missing persons, police activity, terrorist incidents, major landslides, road or bridge closures, major traffic issues, public health emergencies, school closures, severe weather, volcanic eruptions, and other dangers. In addition to telling you what's happening, alerts can also tell you what to do and where to go for resources.



Visit www.PublicAlerts.org/signup today so you know when an emergency is happening in the Portland-Vancouver Region. Getting info quickly gives you power to take action and could save your life and the lives of your loved ones.

Free Clothing and Toy Swap Event

**Saturday
March 21**

10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Gresham Library
385 NE Miller Ave.

- Clothing swap
- Toy swap
- Recycling Tips
- Home Reuse Tips
- Recycled Art
- Make reusable bags

Free Event

Join the City of Gresham & Green Minded Gresham by participating in waste reduction and reuse activities.

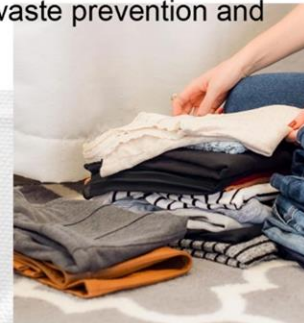
- Swap clothing and toys (bringing items not required)
- Make a green cleaner and recycled art project
- Master Recyclers onsite to answer food waste prevention and recycling questions

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GreshamOregon.gov/Recycling



**Saturday
April 18**

Noon – 3 p.m.

Gresham Library
385 NE Miller Ave.

- Clothing swap
- Plant swap
- Green Cleaners
- Recycling Tips
- Home Reuse Tips
- Recycled Art
- Make reusable bags

MUNICIPAL BROADBAND STUDY

Hopefully you've heard that the City has partnered with Multnomah County and other area cities in the largest municipal broadband study in the county. While the City and other jurisdictions are served with existing high-speed internet, it is not always affordable or even available in all areas. As more and more services go online, and new innovations such as online healthcare become available, access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet will become even more important. Cost effective broadband services is also a way to generate economic development by attracting new and growing businesses to the area. This study, which will be completed in April is looking at different development models and approaches to help ensure that everyone has access to affordable broadband internet. There will be a presentation at Wood Village City Hall on March 11th at 6:00 pm and you're all invited to listen and learn about the study, and to share what affordable broadband would mean for you. Hope to see you there!



GRAFFITI FREE ZONE

Staff has seen a slight increase in graffiti over the past few weeks, but hopefully you haven't. That's because staff is out removing it not long after it appears. Our utility and parks workers are always on the lookout for graffiti, illegal dumping, and other items such as shopping carts as they go about their daily duties around town. In fact, over 443 shopping carts were picked up and returned in 2019 by City staff. Our Permit and Code Compliance team member also makes weekly visits around town cleaning up graffiti as well. Even with all our efforts, we still need your help. From reporting graffiti or illegal dumping, to cleaning up graffiti on your own property, we're in this together. It's ideal to remove graffiti within 24 to 48 hours of noticing it, as this can help reduce future vandalism on the property.



Remember, you can use our online graffiti reporting tool to let us know about graffiti in your neighborhood or you can call City Hall at 503-667-6211. If you are a victim of graffiti vandalism, the City can help. We offer

no cost kits that you may use to remove graffiti from your property. Let's be a clean and graffiti free City!

Saturday, April 25, 2020 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway

Volunteers needed!		Details at GreshamOregon.gov/Earth-Day or 503-618-2518	
GUIDELINES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free to Gresham and Wood Village residents only. Limit one car load per household. Businesses may only recycle fluorescent lights. Limit 30. No small plastics. Paper for shredding limit is two full grocery bags. 	COLLECTION ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper for shredding Styrofoam Fluorescent bulbs and tubes Small electronics and appliances (<i>see list online</i>) Large rigid plastics Please note: no plastic bags <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">SEE FULL LIST ONLINE.</p>	NOT ACCEPTED <div style="text-align: right;"> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batteries Hazardous waste Plastic bags/films Curbside recyclables All plastics smaller than a 5 gal. bucket 	

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NEW CITY HALL PRE-BID OPEN HOUSE MARCH 17TH
EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 11TH
DETAILS INSIDE

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City Council:

Mar 10th 6:00 PM
Mar 26th 6:00 PM
Apr 16th 6:00 PM

City Services:

Wood Village City Hall

Water & Sewer 503-667-6211
Building Permits 503-667-6211

Other Services:

Waste Management 503-249-8078
Frontier 800-921-8101
PGE 503-228-6322
Power outages 503-464-7777
Streetlight outages 503-736-5710
NW Natural 503-226-4212

Emergencies

911
Mult County Sheriff 503-823-3333
Gresham Fire Dept 503-618-2355
Abandoned Vehicles 503-823-3333
DEQ Burning Info 503-618-3083
Animal Control 503-248-3066
Reynolds School District 503-661-7200
East Metro Mediation 503-618-3247

Multnomah County Commissioner:

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